



## **DEEPWATER HORIZON RESPONSE AND RECOVERY WORKGROUPS**

### **ACTIVITIES BY WEEK**

**AUGUST 23 – 27, 2010**

#### **Workgroup 1 – Response to current disaster and preparation for future disasters**

- a. Finish first draft.
- b. Begin editing and writing final draft.

##### ***Summary of Week 5 Activities:***

Reviewed and analyzed the information gathered by the Workgroup during all of the conference calls and meetings with state and local government officials regarding the oil spill response. Began drafting final report.

#### **Workgroup 2 - Assess programs and resources to meet immediate needs of impacted areas**

- a. Finish first draft.
- b. Begin editing and writing final draft.

##### ***Summary of Week 5 Activities:***

State agency appropriations expenditures related to the oil spill were updated and posted on the [workgroup's resource page](#).

- Followed-up with various stakeholders such as Visit Florida, Panhandle tourism entities, BP, League of Southeastern Credit Unions, Gulf Coast Community Bank, Division of Emergency Management, Office of Economic and Demographic Research, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Small Business Administration, Small Business Development Center Network, Agency for Workforce Innovation, and the Department of Health to answer questions and collect additional information.
- Finished first draft.
- Began writing and editing final draft.

#### **Workgroup 3 - Review the scope of private sector damages and processes for compensation**

- a. Finish first draft.
- b. Begin editing and writing final draft.

- c. Conduct conference call with members for final discussion.

***Summary of Week 5 Activities:***

The Workgroup continued to review the research and information gathered during the preceding weeks. This information will be used to prepare its final report. The Gulf Coast Claims Facility (GCCF) process became effective on Monday, August 23rd, replacing the BP process. The GCCF process website is now operational and may be viewed at <http://www.gulfcoastclaimsfacility.com/> The GCCF Protocol for Emergency Advance Payments and the GCCF Claim Form is available on the [workgroup's resource page](#).

**Workgroup 4 - Develop strategies for public sector recovery of damages**

- a. Finalize Workgroup's Report.

***Summary of Week 5 Activities:***

Finalized Workgroup's Report.

**Workgroup 5 - Identify regional long-term economic recovery opportunities**

- a. Attend federal economic recovery meetings in Walton and Okaloosa counties.
- b. Hold conference call with members to discuss federal meetings, agency surveys and final report.
- c. Compile and analyze all the information obtained to date.
- d. Consider any legislation that may be necessary to implement and develop any of the opportunities.
- e. Finish first draft.

***Summary of Week 5 Activities:***

- Staff participated in three day economic recovery workshops held by federal officials and the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) in Okaloosa and Walton counties. Meeting summaries and presentations were made available to the members of the workgroup and may be found on the [workgroup's resource page](#).
- Held conference call with workgroup members to discuss information and issues from the federal meetings, agency surveys and final report.
- Held conference call with local economic development organizations and Florida's Great Northwest to discuss local economic development ideas and recommendations for diversification.
- Drafted final report.

**Workgroup 6 - Examine adequacy of criminal and civil penalties to address offenses causing or arising out of environmental disasters**

- a. August 23<sup>rd</sup> - Conference Call, 10:00 am (Conference call number 888-808-6959 – Code 4883088) – Discuss draft recommendations/potential legislation.

***Summary of Week 5 Activities:***

Workgroup held a conference call on August 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the issues raised during the August 9<sup>th</sup> workgroup meeting and to discuss initial recommendations that will be included in the final report. Among those participating in the conference call were representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of Statewide Prosecution, and the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association. Background information regarding the conference call may be found on the [workgroup's resource page](#).

Began drafting the final report.